



Broadband Funding Guide

Department of Transportation

Federal Agency	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	
Agency Overview	The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is an agency within the U.S. Department of Transportation that supports State and local governments in the design, construction, and maintenance of the Nation's highway system (Federal Aid Highway Program) and various federally and tribal owned lands (Federal Lands Highway Program). Through financial and technical assistance to State and local governments, the Federal Highway Administration is responsible for ensuring that America's roads and highways continue to be among the safest and most technologically sound in the world.	
Program Name	Utilities Program (through EO: Accelerating Broadband Infrastructure Deployment 2012)	
Program Website	https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/utilities/	
Program Overview	It has been recognized that it is in the public interest for utility facilities to jointly use the right-of-way of public roads and streets when such use and occupancy does not adversely affect highway or traffic safety, or otherwise impair the highway or its aesthetic quality, and does not conflict with the provisions of Federal, State, or local laws and regulations. The opportunity for such joint use avoids the additional cost of acquiring separate right-of-way for the exclusive accommodation of utilities. As a result, the right-of-way of highways, particularly local roads and streets, is often used to provide public services to abutting residents as well as to serve conventional highway needs.	
Program Purpose	 □ Planning (e.g., feasibility) ☑ Broadband Infrastructure (e.g., construction) □ Broadband Adoption □ Digital Skills Training □ Public Computer Access 	 ☐ Smart Cities ☐ Evaluation ☐ Research ☐ Broadband Financing ☐ Other: _
Eligible Recipients	 □ Libraries □ K-12 Schools □ Higher Education Institutions □ Hospitals □ Public Safety Entities ☑ State and Local Governments ☑ Tribal Entities 	 □ Commercial/Internet Service Providers □ Non-Profit Organizations □ Small Businesses □ Rural Recipients □ Electric Utilities/Co-ops □ Financial Institutions □ Other:





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Funding Type	Indirect. There is no direct funding specifically for broadband. However, broadband may be eligible for reimbursement with federal-aid highway funds if it supports a transportation use.	
FY2018 Funding Amount	There is no direct funding specifically for broadband. However, broadband may be eligible for reimbursement with federal-aid highway funds if it supports a transportation use.	
FY2019 Funding Amount	There is no direct funding specifically for broadband. However, broadband may be eligible for reimbursement with federal-aid highway funds if it supports a transportation use.	
FY2020 Funding Amount	There is no direct funding specifically for broadband. However, broadband may be eligible for reimbursement with federal-aid highway funds if it supports a transportation use.	
Additional Information		

